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SPORTS AWARD NIGHT- CRILL, GEESLIN NAMED SCHOLAR-ATHLETES; THOMPSON "ATHLETE OF THE YEAR" OTHER HONORS TO HEROLD, MAUTZ

by Kevin Haley

Senior Jen Thompson came away from the sixth annual Booster Club "All Sports Awards Night" carrying three MVP trophies and the "Athlete of the Year" award. This year's ceremony was held June third in the Granite State room of the UNH Memorial Union Building.

The ceremony was opened by Booster Club President Thomas Weeks, followed by a twenty minute slide show of all of this past year's teams. Attention then turned to guest speaker Paul Faison, the assistant coach of the UNH Men's Basketball Team. Faison spoke about following your dreams but not forgetting the importance of education.

He told his life story as a basketball player in high school, all the way to a short career in the CBA. He wanted everyone to know that it is important to have something to fall back on if a career in professional athletics doesn't work out.

The awards ceremony began with 64 seniors receiving plaques for participation in a sport during their senior year, and at least one other season in their other three years of high school. Once this was finished, it was time for the Most Valuable player and the Most Improved awards to be handed out. The coaches were allowed to change the names of the awards if no one on the team fit into that cat-

egory.

Finally the special awards were presented to ten athletes. The Allen Gangwer Hockey Award for the best defensive player was awarded to Freshman Michael Merenda. The most Valuable soccer award was given to Seniors Susan Varholly and John Cirillo. The Dayton "Doc" Henson Soccer Award was awarded to Andrew Muggleworth. Junior Larissa Herold was named a member of the All America Interscholastic Swimming Team for All America times in the 100 yard Backstroke and the 200 yard Individual Medley. Toby Mautz was this year's recipient of the Gregory Sawyer

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SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT: Seniors line up to receive their plaques. Amy Troxell, Chris Laude, Eric Giguere, Jen Thompson, Evan Wallman, and Eric Tyler. Sarah Whitten, on platform with Mr. Weeks.

HONORS NIGHT REWARDS STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

by Kevin Haley + Eric Ritvo

The Oyster River Honors Night was held on June 6th with over 200 students receiving awards.

awards included faculty, former faculty and local representatives of various universities and groups.

Former teacher Eleanor Milliken presented Holly James with the

being the high scorer in the State Mathematics Meet. Awards ranged from academic to fine and performing arts, leadership, and community service.

Several Book Awards

College of the Holy Cross Book Award was given to Jessica Orkin; the Wellesley Book Award was given to Elizabeth Bucar; Anita Mathur was awarded the



Future student council VP Kevin Haley casts his vote on Election Day

RITVO COUNCIL PRESIDENT; MATHUR WINS SENIOR RACE

by Amy Levesque

Class and Student Council elections were held on June 6 and 7 in the cafeteria.

Eric Ritvo, soon to be a senior ran for the position of student council President and won. "I was very nervous. It was a very close race. I am going to try to reinstate the bonfire and raise school unity. I am looking forward to working together with the rest of the student council. I am thankful to everyone who supported me."

The other student council representatives are: Vice-president Kevin Haley, Treasurer Nicole Bellabona, Recording Secretary Amanda McAuley, and Corresponding secretary Susan Morris.

The future representatives of the student council are: Seniors: Dean Kennedy, Brigid Murray, and Jen Olsen; Juniors: Chuck Bryon, Becky Bucar, and Stefany Shaheen; Sophomores: Hunt Howell, Scott McGarrell, and Melissa Waleryzak.

Winners of the class races were: Sophomore class: President Kim Golding, Vice-president Quincy Souza Secretary Nicole Beck, Treasurer Julie Pemberton. Junior class officers: President Darren Miller, Vice-President Chris Jerard, Secretary Jen Friel, and Treasurer John Hill. Senior class officers: President Anita Mathur, Vice-President Jonah Salloway, Secretary Tim Myers, Treasurer Frank Sabin.



Matt Koener and Christy Wozniak. Prom article, see page 3.

passion and expertise in her classroom. She appeared overwhelmed as she accepted her prize. "I was extremely surprised and very grateful. Thank you," she commented. Presenters of the

in the State Latin Exam, Greg Rideout who received the Century III Leadership Award. Stephanie Chasteen was honored for the National Mathematics Examination; Patrick Russell was honored for

Book Award was given to Katrin Bergeron; the Cornell Book Award was given to Aaron Birch; Graham Duncan was the winner of the Yale Book Award; Kyle Downey was awarded the Harvard Prize Book Award; the

lovely evening and I'm only sorry that more students who were personally invited were unable to attend." The evening ended with refreshments in the Cafeteria.

JEN OLECH REPRESENTS VOC-ED IN NATIONALS

by Chris Andersen

O.R.H.S. student Jen Olech is on her way to Louisville, Kentucky for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Nationals in the Drafting field representing the Dover Vocational Center.

This was the first competition for Jen at the state level. In order to get there, she had to compete against her own classmates first in three drawings that the teacher gave them. Jen received the highest number of points at the end of all three drawings and was one of the three students from Dover Vocational to go to the state competition in the Architectural field.

When asked how she felt when they called her name for first place, she said "I was shocked! I knew I did well but I didn't think I would take first." She was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

The drawing for the state competition in Architectural Drafting was a floor plan that she had to make up following certain measurements and standards that the judges gave her.

Jen has been drafting for the past few years and plans to go to school for it. Jen commented that "More people should take advantage of Dover Vocational Classes." At Dover, you receive the hands on training about

things you will see in industry.

As part of her first place standing, she will be representing the state of New Hampshire out of the Dover Vocational Center at the Nationals. "I feel honored by representing the state of New Hampshire at the Nationals," she said with total confidence.

She won't be able to use the scholarship though because it is not for the school of her choice, which is Wentworth Technical Institute in Boston.

John Foss also took first place at the V.I.C.A. state competition. He took first in the Building Trades class at Dover and also beat out other

students at the states. John will not be able to go to the Nationals because of the expense. The registration for going is \$75, the travel cost is \$125, and the hotel cost is \$224. Extra pocket money is needed for food, souvenirs, and a couple of nights on the town.

The winners that are going to the Nationals from Dover were going to fly at first, but the cost would have been doubled, so now they're driving down in a van for approximately 22 hours together.

The New Hampshire state V.I.C.A. competitions were held at the Dover Vocational Center for the second year in a row on March 16, 1991.

SUPERIOR COURT CASE TRIED BEFORE 200 ORHS STUDENTS

by Eric Singer

On Law Day, Judge Joseph Nadeau from Strafford County District Court held a trial in the O.R.H.S. gym. The case involved two Newmarket High School Seniors: James Atkins (18) and David Anderson (also 18). Both were accused of reckless operation and Dave Anderson, who was on trial, was also charged with criminal threatening.

The incident occurred on September 8, 1990 when a part time Durham Police Officer Correia was returning to his home traveling on Spaulding Turnpike after completing a special assignment in Newington. He saw two cars racing and changing lanes on Spaulding turnpike. Correia was in an unmarked personal vehicle and he gave chase. He finally

stopped James Atkins on the off ramp to RTE 108.

When Dave Anderson saw the car chasing James Atkins, he followed the Officer Correia fearing for his friend's life. He had no idea that the car belonged to a Police Officer. After the cars stopped, Anderson got out of his car with a baseball bat and ran at Officer Correia swearing. Correia drew his gun and ordered him to stop, Anderson did and dropped the bat.

Dave Anderson was found not guilty on both charges (Jury 9-3, 11-1). The Sequestered Jury found James Atkins guilty on the reckless operation charge. Judge Nadeau's verdict was not guilty on either charge because he felt that Correia couldn't have had a clear idea of what Anderson was



Court Case: Judge Nadeau, Officer Correia, and Prosecutor Diane Burton doing behind him. On the criminal threatening charge, he ruled that he was not guilty on that because of Anderson's intent in protecting his friend.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNERS SPEAK TO ORHS CLASSES

by Jessie Crockett

Two Pulitzer Prize winning authors visited ORHS this spring.

The author of "A Midwife's Tale", Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, spoke to a large group of students and faculty members at Oyster River High School on Monday, May 20 in the library.

Ms. Ulrich spoke for a part of the time about her book, which was written about the life of a Maine midwife in the late 1700's. The rest of the time was spent in a question and answer period. The topics included child support, the roles of both men and women, and the moral climate of the Post-Revolutionary era.

Ms. Ulrich's next project is going to be on the subject of clothing and textiles of the same time period.

The group she spoke to included advanced writing, English Lit. II, Women's Literature

and U.S. History II as well as any other interested individuals.

Mr. Tappan said about the talk, "It is always valuable for students to have personal contact with people who are perceived as exceptionally accomplished at something because they are people like you and me but who have committed all of their gifts to something they value highly."

Poet Charles Simic also spoke at Oyster River. His visit on June 6th included the reading of some of his poetry and questions from the audience.

"Simic shows that you can write poetry in any style, as shown by his poem 'Fork'," said John Waskiewicz.

The talk was attended by 52 students including advanced writing students, American Literature students, and students with a general interest in poetry.



Charles Simic chats about poetry.

FRENCH AND SPANISH CLUBS

STUDENTS ENJOY CLUB ACTIVITIES

by Mike Card

"My experience with the French Club has been a positive one. It's a fun group of people, and it is fun to do activities with them," says Steve Wourgiotis, an officer of the French Club. The Spanish Club also did a number of exciting things this school year.

The French Club officers are Sarah Jones, Jenna McNeill, Bill Stansfield, and Steve Wourgiotis. There aren't really any permanent members besides the officers. In the fall they had a hayride at Barron's Farm in Rochester. For Christmas they exchanged gifts at the home of the President, Sarah Jones. Following the exchange they stayed to watch the French Comedy "Les Compres."

In mid-March the officers organized a fondue supper at the High School. "This club has been a lot of fun."

We don't meet as often as some other clubs, but then getting together is special. We all speak French as a common bond and laugh at each other's making up words and don't know it's French," said Jenna McNeill.

Many of the French club people joined in with most of the Spanish Club activities. Some of the Spanish Club activities were a scavenger hunt, a masquerade party and a dinner at Poco Diablo restaurant. A very successful bake sale early in the year provided funds for the club's expenses.

"The French Club is open to anyone in the school who speaks French. Foreign exchange students also participate in both clubs. The activities involve getting together to speak some French and Spanish and some English, and just have fun," said Jenna McNeill.

OYSTER RIVER STAFF PLANS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

by Gabe Brown

Many faculty members and administrators have been planning what they are going to do over the summer vacation. Questionnaires were distributed to all staff members and 15 responded. Sixty-five percent of those people surveyed plan to do some traveling. Seventy-three percent are planning to work. Twenty percent are

planning to take courses. Only 13% are planning to teach. And 65% are going to take advantage of the time off and relax.

Many staff members are planning exciting activities this summer. Mrs. Whitten is going to spend the summer editing a collection of letters written in the late 19th century. Her research could take her to Chicago, New York, and Iowa. Mr.

Tappan has a job for a consulting firm which gives training seminars to business professionals in management techniques, creativity, problem solving and other skills. Mrs. Lauten is teaching three one week workshops with three teachers from Texas, Minnesota, and Illinois. Mr. Perry is working with the science department on developing a new pres-

human science course.

Mr. Nilson will be illustrating three books, doing caricatures at various fairs, and visiting his son in Michigan. Mr. Simmons is planning to teach at Lesley College, while Ms. Williams is planning to travel to Vermont, Virginia Beach, Long Island, and Canada.

Such diversity of plans reveals the varied interests.

STUDENTS ATTEND UNH CLASSICS DAY

by Mark MacBeth

The Oyster River High School Latin and Mythology classes attended the University of New Hampshire

Horwitz who attended Classics Day with the Mythology class, the day was very successful. Ms. Shipman, the Latin teacher at Oyster



Senior Follies-

A Mixture of Fun and Talent

by Ellen Lalicata

This year's annual Senior Follies, held on May 10th by the Class of 1991, was a mixture of comedy and serious talent. It was a night for each senior who participated to step into the limelight and do what they do best: entertain an audience.

The skits ranged from original comedy such as "Synchronized Standing" and "N.W.A." to spin-offs like "Little Richard Simmons Aerobics" and "the Dating Game" to musical talent including "Pur-

ple Haze", "Father & Son", and even the Follies theme song "Changes".

For the most part, Senior Follies was incredibly funny and, at times, left the audience rolling in laughter. Nothing was too taboo for this crowd, demonstrated by the masculine cheerleaders and the dirty dancing wolves.

All in all, the 1991 Senior Follies was a hit and will be remembered not only by the graduating class, but by their friends and family as well.

long with a Latin Cer-
tamina.

Students left for U.N.H. after first period and arrived on campus for an orientation about the day from the professors. Two sessions of classes were offered for the students to attend during the day. These ranged from talk about Greek Gods and monsters to a play called "A Day on Mt. Olympus" about a typical day of the Gods.

According to Ms.

the students responded positively when asked how they liked the trip. Also, most found the lectures a bit dry and too scholastic to be interesting. The "Day on Mt. Olympus" play went over well with the students.

Junior Kerri MacPherson commented that

the loose structure of the lectures and level of the material for high school students was good.



Andrea Collins, Sam Poole and Andrew Muggleworth perform "The Dating Game." for Senior Follies.

Approximately 600 people attended Follies on May 9 and 10.

by David Madson

The math team ended its regular season on March 15th in a disappointing 8th place. The team faced much larger schools in this meet, which put them at a disadvantage. In most of the earlier meets this season, the team came in first or second.

"We were easily champions in our division," commented senior Brendan Crill.

Bill Stansfield and

Aaron Birch were two of the twenty members of the team which represented New Hampshire at the Eastern finals at Penn State on May 30th. The team came in 6th out of 37 teams and were given the most improved award.

During the regular season, several students exceeded their goals and helped carry the team. Patrick Russell and Kyle Krouse were the highest scoring sophomores in the state.

Others were not satisfied with their performance.

"I did not meet my personal goals, but I still had fun," said senior Melissa Geeslin.

The team was coached by Mrs. Lauten and Mr. Stoykovich.

Mr. Stoykovich felt that the team "did a super job. They won both leagues - you can't ask for more than that."

"The only disappointment was that we didn't come in the top three in the State Meet," he added.

There was a lot of controversy about the new scoring procedure implemented this year. It made all of the problems worth the same amount.

"It was a stupid scoring procedure. It eliminates all of the strategy," commented senior Evan Freuder.

Another controversial topic is the fact that calculators may be allowed in the future. Most math team members are opposed to this, with few exceptions.

"I think it would be a good idea because it helps you to check your results," said Stansfield. "I feel more comfortable with one in my hand," he added.

The members of this year's team were seniors Stephanie Chasteen, Bill Stansfield, Brendan Crill, Evan Freuder, Melissa Geeslin, John Waskiewicz, juniors Aaron Birch, Katrin Bergeron, Graham Duncan, Liz Bucar, Roberto Acosta, Ben Hudson, Peter Grant, sophomores Trish Khleif, Patrick Russell, Kyle Krouse, Holly MacKay, Molly Capron, and Mark Derocchi.



SCIENCE CLASSES SCATTER ALL OVER N.H. AND MASS.

by Bill Simmons

The Science department has taken three field trips recently, including a Biology trip to Gloucester, Massachusetts, an Advanced Biology/Geology trip to Mt. Washington, and a Chemistry trip to Seabrook, the Portsmouth Water Purification Plant, the Durham Wastewater Treatment Plant and 10 mini-seminars at UNH.

The Gloucester trip was an overnight on June 6th and 7th.

According to Oyster River High School Biology teacher Robert Byrnes, the annual trip is supposed to teach students some scien-

tific nature, some Biology, some working together, and some leadership skills. The trip "Gives people an opportunity to see themselves in a new way," says Mr. Byrnes.

On the Gloucester trip, biology students inspected many different aspects of nature including doing a mud walk (looking at the important features of estuaries), studying a salt marsh, and visiting a beach to look at things washed in with the tide.

The students on the Gloucester trip also rowed in dories to an island to see a seagull nesting site.

The June 3rd Chemistry trip offered many different aspects of chemistry including nuclear chemistry and the chemistry involved in cleaning water. A full range of topics were discussed at UNH.

Each student got to pick 2 mini-seminars out of the 10 focusing on modern and future technology. "Hopefully everyone [found] something in that variety that [was] of interest to them," said Chemistry teacher Barbara Hopkins.

When students went to the two water treatment plants on the Chemistry trip, they got to see what

happens to water that they drink and water that they flush down the toilet.

"It will teach them that it just doesn't go away," said Mrs. Hopkins.

"I learned how chemistry can be fun," commented sophomore Darren Miller about the trip.

The Advanced Biology/Geology trip to Mt. Washington included studying the Geology of the mountains and studying cardiovascular and respiratory systems at different altitudes. The Geology students served as subjects for the Advanced Biology experiments.

Six Faculty Members to Leave

Gephart, Simmons leave

by Mike Card

Mr. Greg Gephart and Mr. Jay Simmons will be leaving Oyster River High School at the end of the school year. Mr. Gephart said, "It's time to move on and try different things."

Mr. Gephart started teaching at Oyster River High School as a part-time teacher in 1986, and by 1987 he was working full-time in the Science Department. Concepts of Earth Science, Earth Science, and Geology are some of

the courses that he has taught at Oyster River.

Mr. Gephart's plans for next year are incomplete at this time. "My wife and I may come back in the fall to coach cross country through October. After that we plan on traveling," said Mr. Gephart.

"I enjoyed teaching at Oyster River High School," Mr. Gephart said. "I wasn't trained as a teacher. I had other occupations before I became a teacher. I decided I wanted to teach for a couple

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4 to leave due to budget

by Sarah Whitten

As a result of budget cuts, a few teachers will not be returning to Oyster River High School in the fall. They include, Ms. Maureen Mannion (math), Mrs. Angela Shipman (foreign language), Mr. Barry Fitzpatrick (P.E.), and Ms. Sandi Straus, (extended resource room).

At this point Ms. Mannion, a first year teacher at O.R., has no plans for next year. She has sent her resume

out but, "the market is not too great."

Mrs. Shipman's plans are also undecided at this time. She has been at O.R. for four years. Mr. Powers has offered her the opportunity to teach one Latin class that would include all three years of Latin.

Mr. Fitzpatrick who has been at Oyster River for five years, plans to teach physical education at an American school in Greece.

Ms. Straus, a part time special education teacher for two years, plans to go back to school for a graduate degree in education.



First Earth Day Celebration Cleans Oyster River High School Campus

by John Tersolo

The Earth Day celebration at Oyster River on Wednesday May 30th received mixed reviews from the students. Junior Ben Adams felt that "it wasn't worthwhile because people really didn't take it seriously enough. It could be better if people participated more."

Each class was given a different assignment. The freshmen, according to ninth grader Brandi Hoyt, "were supposed to pick up trash in the woods to the side of the shop class. The freshmen were participating." The freshman also planted a flowering crab tree along the courtyard side of the library.

Senior Audrey Graves told MOR that the seniors "were watering and planting flowers in the '91 sign out in front of the cafeteria." Senior Kari Loubier said that the senior participation "kind of faded out after a little while. I really got into it and was 15 minutes late."

enough and did not involve enough people. Remark sophomore Chris Kasiewicz, "we were supposed to clean up around the tennis courts, but the gym class had already done it the day before so it was pretty pointless."

For those who hadn't signed up for activities, there were three bands playing in the courtyard and a lot of sports such as frisbee football were played on the field hockey field.

Gillian Nye, a member of the student-faculty group behind earth day, said that there was "originally only Groove Child because they were the most prominent band of the time, but eventually we decided to allow Underserved Spankings and the Lemmings to play." Unfortunately, Underserved Spankings member Glenn Watt had difficulties with his electric guitar, so Underserved Spankings was not able to play.

Plans are underway for next year. There

CABARET PERFORMANCE IS A UNIQUE FINAL EXAM

by Amy Levesque

Cabaret, an evening with a night club atmosphere where people can eat, talk and enjoy the show, was held on June 5, 1991 at Oyster River High School. The evening included comedy

plays previously done in class, famous excerpts, and some were even improvised skits. "I think the performances were most consistent in quality this year. They seemed better rehearsed," Mr.



the class on a performance which is also a final for the class. On June 5, 1991 the evening started out with a famous song from the musical Cabaret, from Willkommen which means welcome in German. The whole evening was organized and directed by the class. Skits were chosen by a committee led by Gillian Nye. The committee made selections from plays written by students,

student was allowed to bring 5 people to see it. This was so that the students knew the audience. Tickets were sold at the door and to pay for any additional costs and profits went towards a pizza party for the class.

Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts were served by members of the class. Each student had to make something to serve during the night.

O.R. STUDENTS' JOB SEARCHES LEAD TO MANY FRUSTRATIONS

by Bill Simmons

Slightly more than half of the students at Oyster River High School have summer jobs for this summer, but only 25% of the students with jobs have a new job.

Most students who have jobs are returning to jobs that they had previously or during the school year.

"From what I hear, it's impossible to find a job," said Dean Kennedy, who is going into his third year of his job at Water Country. "I'm glad I found one a few years ago."

Ninety-eight percent

of the people looking for jobs are having a tough time finding one. "A lot of people are having a tough time," says Charlie Bryon. "It's easier if you have connections."

Although 83% of the students without jobs want one, most will not get one.

"We don't have the interest from employers that we had in the past," said Guidance Counselor Phyllis MacKay about the absence of job notices on the job board. "Employers are having no trouble finding people."

VICTORIAN GARDEN PROM DRAWS OVER 100 COUPLES

by Ellen Lalicata

More than a hundred couples made their appearance at the Frank Jones Center in Portsmouth on Friday, May 17th for an evening of music and laughter.

Students dressed in their best started strolling in shortly after 8pm becoming a part of the memories that are "made to last a life-time" at the annual O.R.H.S. Junior-Senior Prom.

The room was decorated with pink and white fans which were hung on the walls and a white flower-covered trellis, used for picture-taking, in an effort to portray the Victorian Garden Prom theme. Jean-Paul, the Prom's D.J., played the theme song "You Look Wonderful Tonight" by Eric Clapton as well as a wide range of other music.

"He had a good variety [of music] which

encompassed the diversity of the student body," commented Eric Ritvo, Junior.

The Prince, Princess, King, and Queen of the Prom were chosen by Gene Paltrineri, the photographer. This year's Prince and Princess were Bryan Rutland and Mandy Tappan. The King and Queen were Evan Wallman and Audrey Graves.

Mrs. Ann Draper Brown, school principal, had this to say about the Prom: "It was wonderful. I enjoyed myself tremendously. It's something I like to do every year

because everyone always looks so nice and behaves themselves so well. The decorations also looked great. They did a nice job."

The class advisor, Mrs. Tagliaferro, was in charge of the Prom Committee which took care of all of the arrangements for the Prom. The members were Tory Jennison, Jen Olsen, Alex Roy, Greg Provencher, Jim Spires, Frank Sabin, Erica Beck, Angie Twombly, Shannon Veno, Anita Mathur, Scott Poteet, Mandy Tappan, Jonah Salloway, and Jon Criswell.

BACCALAUREATE ALLOWS SENIORS TO REFLECT

by Nicole Bellabona

Baccalaureate, a ceremony celebrating graduation took place on June 9 and was held in the gymnasium. Parents and friends watched as the seniors took one more step toward their diploma.

Unlike Baccalaureates at other schools, seniors were in charge of the ceremony and performed songs and poems which expressed their feelings about the years they spent at Oyster River High School.

The chamber singers also performed a song during the night and the ceremony began and ended with a song.

Guest speaker was Mr. John Lowy, principal of Mast Way school and father of senior Pam Lowy. Mr. Lowy was familiar with many of the seniors and was chosen by the parents. He congratulated the seniors and informed them that graduating from high school was a big step and they would have many new responsibilities.

Seniors displayed talent and originality throughout the night. The ceremony took on a very serious but entertaining air.

Lance Waterfield and Gillian Nye read original poems and Sarah Whitten sang a song she had composed using the words of a native American poem, "There Is No Word for Good-bye."

Jen Thompson performed a piano selection by Debussy and Sarah Jones played a violin solo by Bach.

The Giving Tree was read by Amy Troxell and Oh the Places You'll Go, a familiar Dr. Seuss story, was read by Andrew Muggleworth.

Other seniors who took part were: Bill Stansfield, Dave Madson, Audrey Graves, Stephanie Chasteen, Jenna McNeill, Noah Learner, Debbie Kline, Greg Rideout and Elaine Courtemanche.

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria following the ceremony.

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EDITORIAL

To The Seniors

Four years ago, we entered the halls of O.R.H.S. - timid, anxious, afraid that all the penny-pushing nightmares would become reality. We were embarrassed to be seen with our parents when they picked us up, and were very concerned about being around the "right" people.

Sophomore year came, and by this time, we had realized that high school wasn't scary - just somewhat monotonous. That year we worked on our creativity and signature - forging to find ways out of being caged in the newly implemented study halls.

By junior year, we had all gotten our licenses, and enjoyed our newfound freedom. We parked along Coe Drive, and every afternoon we went home with our cars covered in dust and mud. We discovered that even our cars didn't provide an escape from our parents. We kept working (for the most part) with college or alternative plans on our minds. By the end of the year, we were psyched, we were ready, we were going to become seniors. Little did we know...

The first half of senior year consisted of work and more work. Applications for some students, plus teachers who piled on more work than ever - oblivious to our complaints. Socially, life had improved dramatically, and although most of us stayed within our groups, there were times when people from two cliques could actually be seen speaking to each other at parties.

When our plans for next year had been finalized, we all breathed a sigh of relief - the waiting was over, second semester senior-hood could begin. Our grades fell, we slacked off as much as we thought possible. We appeared at school, tired, blurry-eyed, from long hours of socializing. We wondered how many speakers would give us advice for the coming years.

Now it's graduation. Dressed in our blue and white, we go through the ceremony, waiting for that moment when we can throw our caps into the air. After getting our diplomas, we still break off into our cliques, but at this point, we're not ashamed to hug our parents, to thank them for all they've done.

Our four years of high school have been a mini-drama; a portion of the life we will live. In the halls of Oyster River, we have known glory, defeat, depression, laughter, disappointment, pride, dejection, and joy. These are the emotions that will carry through the rest of our lives.

Let us hope that our future worlds are filled with happiness, and that the bad times will be overcome by the good. They say that who you are is already determined, for the most part, before you graduate from high school. Let us develop the traits that are so much a part of us, broadening ourselves through new friendships and experiences. May we proceed onward, hoping to make a difference in our worlds, while still remembering the trials and the victories that have pushed us forward throughout our lives.

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FLASHING BLUES- Public Servants or Vigilantes?

by Skot Long

We endow certain individuals with the privilege and power to serve and protect our citizens. We give these men and women uniforms and weapons and ask them to keep our streets safe. They are given the right to take us into custody and bring us to justice. But how far do these privileges go, and how far should they go?

A police officer's power should cease after he is off-duty. To allow the officers to be stormtroopers after hours gives them too much power and allows them to be better than the people they serve.

Recently a case dealing with this

issue was tried in the Oyster River High School gym. In the trial, a young man was being tried for reckless operation of a motor vehicle and criminal threatening after being arrested by an off-duty police officer who was chasing the young man's friend. The police officer engaged in a high speed pursuit in his private (civilian) car with no lights or distinguishing official features. The officer participated in this chase down Rt 4 at speeds exceeding 80 mph. By doing this while off-duty in an unmarked car with no flashing lights, he endangered the lives of countless individuals along the Rt 4 area.

During the past year thousands of cases have surfaced which deal with the police abuse of power. One case was the incident dealing with several L.A.P.D. officers "beating" a black motorist. This case received national attention but what of the hundreds of other cases that are just hidden away in order not to embarrass the police forces.

My question is, why should we allow certain individuals to be above the laws enforced by them? If we continue to allow this we might as well put swastikas on our officers uniforms and let them goose step up and down on our freedoms and rights.

It's the Season for Finals and the Trestle

by John Cirillo

Yes, it's that time of year again. The time when students eat lunch in the courtyard, skip school to go to Wiswall, and the time when students seem to get stressed out.

Why you ask? For some students it may be the final exam that passes or fails them, or the exam that commits them to a mental

the concept of even giving finals. I wouldn't bother if it were not part of department expectations," commented Algebra II teacher Mr. Nichols.

The whole idea behind finals is to sum up what the students learned throughout the course, right? Well, I don't know if giving a final during the last week of school is ap-

test in June."

Although all of the teachers who returned surveys are giving finals, some teachers felt it was not fair to have finals.

In other schools, finals are only given to students who have less than a B average. Seniors at some schools are also exempt from finals. Why does Oyster River give fi-

doors to our futures, and our possibilities are as endless as the space into which we fling our caps.

Jenna B. McNeill

gating into the matter of finals and after surveying all of the teachers, some of the responses I got back were to my liking.

"I don't agree with

happy to give a cumulative test to my classes in May during two class periods and then teach the last unit with a regular

I think I would eliminate finals and if some teachers wanted them, fine, so be it. Let the teachers do the deciding.

Guest Commentary: The Essence of Education at ORHS

by Kevin Myslivy

What is the essence of education? Is it learning your A, B, C's? Or is it learning to function like a human adult? Does school readily prepare us for the upcoming events in the world? Does it give us the real knowledge to go on living as adults?

High school seems to be somewhat of a paternal life. You have the ability to be protected without worries by your parents, or by the school administration. With some of the newer rules it is difficult to become your own person. The school has helped by saying that no matter how old you are, if you are supported by your parents, you are treated as a minor. You must have parental permission for everything. Basically, parents have a lot of control when you are living under their roof.

When do I take control of my life? If the school gives the parents the power to control my school career, then when do I become me? Some eight-

een year olds are out of school and have a choice, to join the service, go to college, or work. They have been able to make a decision on their own. I thought at eighteen you became an adult and that meant something. NOT HERE!

So when do I get to

make this first big decision? Is it college? Is it only after all limitations have been set? Some of these decisions are outrageous, such as location. But some are important such as price! I make the decision to apply after deliberation with parents. Who gets the final decision - the college.

High schools should start giving some of these responsibilities to the students. Have us make a few choices, instead of throwing us into the abyss blindfolded. Life is a decision-making process and the school makes all the decisions for us until they give us the certificate of graduation. Schools are quick to give reprimand for a bad choice but they are not willing to sit down and help to

explain why this was a bad choice. Basically we are three-quarters ready for college. That is why a lot of freshmen fail their first year. They were never taught what a good and bad decision is.

Schools teach MUST. You must go to class, unless you are ill. You must choose what they want you to choose or you get reprimanded, such as, detention or suspension. Schools are too set in their ways and they have not met up with evolution. In learning they are very

good, but are we not here only to regurgitate information, but to learn about society and how we can apply ourselves in society.

You really don't start making "your" decisions, on your own, until you're at college. Some of these decisions are very important to your future, such as, do I go to class today? Or can I afford this or should I leave my money in the bank?

Some people make good choices, some don't, and some people

still don't make their own decisions. Whether or not they make good or bad decisions, they still learn the lessons behind making decisions. They learn sacrifice, patience, and their rewards.

So, is the essence of education learning your A, B, C's? Yes they are very important, but I think that decisions are more important then they are. You can have a lapse of concentration and forget something, but you cannot do that when you are making a choice. The most important part of education is not in the system at all! As we are brought by hand, to pick up our diploma. Then we walk off the stand, we fall into the abyss, alone for the first, lost. Lost in a world we had no knowledge of, not prepared for, and not noticed in. We are the silent majority; the graduating class.

I am ready to make decisions. I am not lost. I know what I want. I search for knowledge, I search for independence, I search for peace.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,
I write to express concern about having been misquoted in the May 9, 1991 Mouth of the River. In a brief article concerning theft at ORHS, I was quoted as saying that theft is not one our top priorities.

Indeed, the faculty and administration have expressed alarm and concern about the fact that nearly forty incidents of stealing have been reported. We have developed a reporting and recording system regarding thefts, and we have instituted public address announcements, posters and cautionary reminders about the need for students to lock their lockers and to refrain

from leaving valuable items unattended.

I believe that Student Council, among others, needs to address the issue of stealing, as well as the larger issue of community and respect for one other in the coming months and years. Together we can make this a more positive theft-free environment. In the meantime, I trust that future reporters will be careful to present accurate information about this and other important ORHS issues.

Thank you for listening to my point of view.

Nancy Winterbottom,
Ed.D. Assistant
Principal for Student Services.

COMMENTARY- STUDENTS RUIN ASSEMBLIES WITH RUDENESS

by Kevin Haley

What is the reasoning behind having school assemblies? No matter what the assembly may be about, students here at Oyster River could apparently care less. Or at least that is what a handful of students decide for everyone else. These students show little or no respect for speakers no matter whether it's a Peer Outreach and SADD assembly or a group of UNH students performing The Odyssey.

During the recent assembly sponsored by Peer Outreach and SADD,

what was meant to be a fun and informative role playing assembly was never given the chance to achieve its purpose. The speaker, Will Slatnick, was going to start off with basic facts that he knew we had heard before and then was going to go through an extensive role playing demonstration, in an attempt to promote community and caring within the school. Well, we sure proved to him that we don't have a problem with caring about others and helping those around us. No, who

needed him coming in and asking questions like who drinks and how would we help a friend with a drinking problem?

Judging by the way students acted during the assembly they think they have every right to attack him and proclaim "Is it any of your business what we do after school?" He was only someone brave enough to step forward and announce to 500 strangers that he had been a substance abuser, and someone caring enough to want to help others who may be in

the same position he was. What should we care, right?

Wrong. These speakers, no matter who they are, are here for our benefit. If it is something that requires participation from the audience and you're not interested, then fine, sit there and keep to yourself. You can keep your wise comments to yourself or wait until the presentation is over and discuss it with the speakers in private, instead of interrupting them in

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Jenna-

With pride in your past
and excitement for your
future.
Congratulations and Love,

Mom, Dad and Adam

**Congratulations
Mike Card,
you have our best
wishes and
admiration.**

The Mautz Family

**Congratulations
to the class of 1991.**

Ms. Brown

**Hey, Andie...
Knew you'd make it
'cause I showed you
all the tricks!
Love ya! Matt-man**

**Brian Killgore,
You're The Best!
Always Be Happy-**

MOM

CONNgratulations Sarah!

Members of the classes of
'68 and '93 welcome you to
the loyal order of the camel.

Mo' and Bro'

Danielle,

Thanx for being a one of
a kind sister! It's gonna bite
with you gone next year.

Love,
Chris

Congratulations Stephanie!

Good luck and beware of
those chipmunks with ____.

Love,
Mom-Dad

**Way to go Andie-
This is a great start
to a wonderful life.**

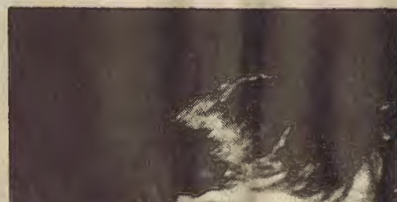
**Best wishes!
I love you! -Mom**

ROVING REPORTER AGAIN ASKS BURNING QUESTION:

What were the best and worst parts of your four years at ORHS?



Brendan Crill



Kurt Pearsall
"Sitting on the



Janice Philbrook



Marie Roy
B - "The last night of Senior Follies."
W - "Having the AP Calculus test the day after Senior Follies."



Matt Cloutier
B - "Achieving the ability to link collaborative thoughts in an academic environment."
W - "Having to leave these hallowed halls."



Kristen Legere
B - "The last day of high school."
W - "Having to park down at the superintendent's office every day."



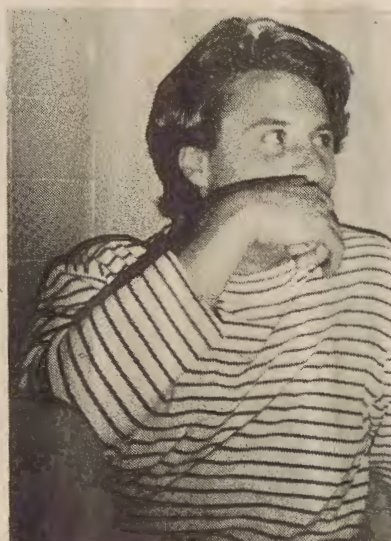
Kevin Hahn
B - "All the good friends I made."
W - "All the other people I didn't make friends with."



Lance Waterfield
B - "Carl Porter."
W - "Madame Dubois."



Chris Taube
B - "Finding out that the cafeteria's blueberry muffins have large blueberries."
W - "Seeing Eric Tyler naked in the locker room."



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PERSONALS---

by John Cirillo
Nicole Bellabona

It's

Just move in, no just
say thanks. Ha, ha got
you. Dops, I forgot
that yes I did.

Lassie jumped and with
a sickening crunch her
head was ground down by
the whirling blades of
the helicopter.

BW, EC, RB, LS, LP, DB, JJ
congrats! Luv all!
ALUMNI GAME next year!

Lost: Mark and Steph's
pet creature. Big
teeth, claws, red eyes,
green fur. Answers to
"slaughterhead."
Reward. Fangs a lot!

Sarah - I think Nico is
calling your name! "You
were wonderful tonight"
Thank-You! SPG and
Duebo: Merry Christmas
and remember "No
regrets!"

Steve, I am going to
miss you next year!
I'll love you always.
A-Friend

Ames- there's no OR in
UNH or Lehigh. But
remember Aude the sun
always shines on Pike!

Year's over, it's time
to play K.P. and C.B.!
But Tes what did we do?
Love, H.

Class of 1991. WHO'D 'a THOUGHT?



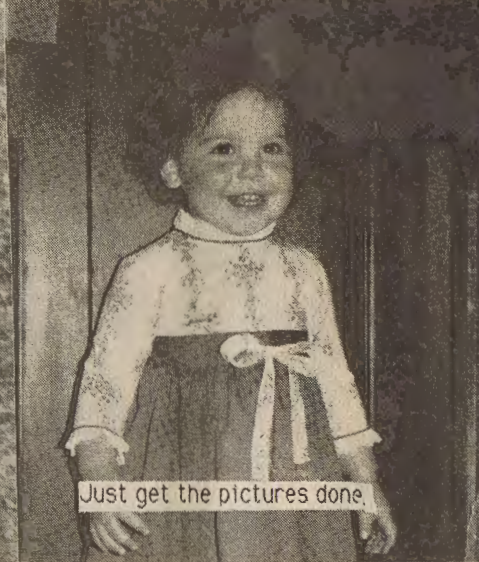
Time to go bag some babes.



I can sing and dance, too.



Hey, all Canadian women look like this (très belle).



Just get the pictures done.



My first dance move.



All basketball players have big feet.



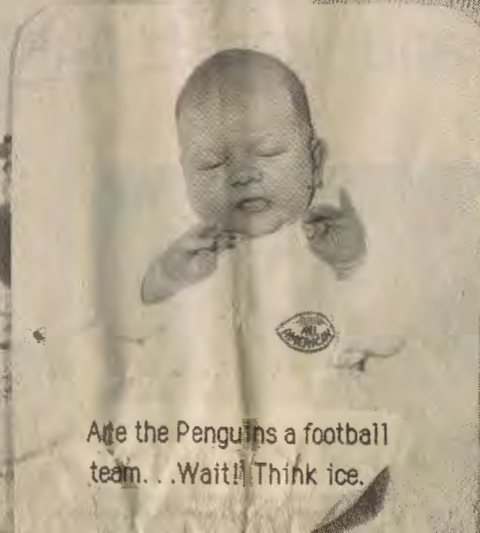
I look beautiful, don't I?



Learning how to raise my hand.



All artists wear diapers to the beach.



Are the Penguins a football team... Wait!! Think ice.



Just gotta wear hats.



This little piggy went to market.



I can fix my own bottle.

Want me to sing a song?



No way are you stickin' me with a common first name.



Time out.



Maybe some day I can be a senior follies director.



It's tough being named after a fast food.



They captured my peacefulness in this picture, don't you think?



First set of wheels. I'm after a Mustang GT next.



Give me some shades.



I need a Robert Smith haircut.



I only play Ludwig.



Soon to be graduating for the second time.



I hope I never change.



Maybe my hair will be a little longer when I'm a senior.



Hey, where did the fireplace go?



I want to be a ballerina veterinarian when I grow up.



Hair's a little long, don't you think?



Climb the ladder of success.



Guess who?



I don't photograph well,
at least not right now.



True beauty is red hair.



This is as little as I get.



Devil went down to Princeton.



Long hair from cradle
to grave, buddy.



One step at a time.



That spider better not fall
on my head.



I love...



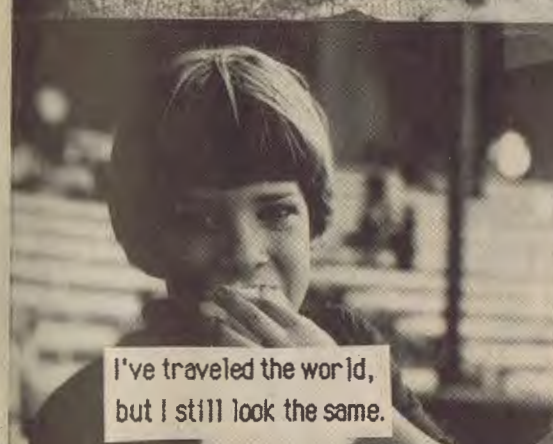
Cleaning up after a
soccer game.



O.K., Mom, you can take
this hat off now.



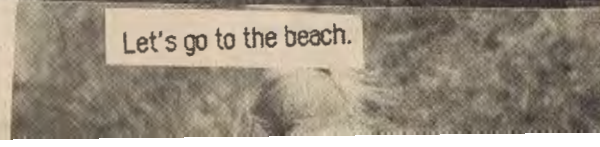
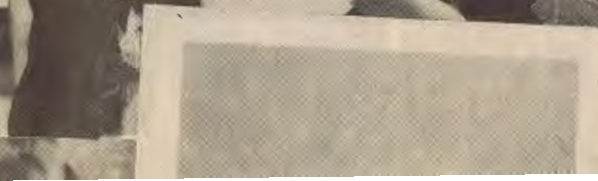
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I've traveled the world,
but I still look the same.



Best seat in the house.



Let's go to the beach.



O-O-O-H, BABY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?



1. Sarah Whitten
2. Stephanie Chasteen
3. Greg Rideout
4. Catherine Burger
5. Debbie Kline
6. Melissa Geeslin
7. John Cirillo
8. Tierney Smith
9. Brian Killgore
10. Andy Pudil
11. Marie Roy
12. Evan Freuder
13. Scott Davis

14. Heather Armitage
15. Tina Grondin
16. Andrea Collins
17. Freedom Grissom
18. Nate Lapierre
19. Lori Slippy
20. Elliot Gilman
21. Jeremy Little
22. Alex Reyna
23. Dave Madson
24. Hilary McHone
25. Brenda worden
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27. Pamela Lowy

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51. Jenna McNeill
52. Amy Townsend
53. Emoree Driscoll
54. Kate Berry

WHERE TO LOOK FOR CLASS OF '91

By Stephanie Kentris
The graduating class of 1991 consists of 118 students who will be leaving Oyster River High School to pursue their futures.

A large number of these students will be attending college in the fall. Others will be starting the work force, and two students will be joining the armed forces.

Here are the plans of the students in the senior class:

Chris Anderson- New Hampshire Technical Inst.
Mark Allen- Part-time U.N.H.
James Anagnos- Marines
Heather Armitage- U.N.H.
Mark Balsavage- Mount Ida College
Mike Barker- U.N.H.
Kate Berry- Fitchburg State College
Jeff Bibbo- Undecided

Rosemary Boone- Hampton College
Dawn-Elynn Bousquin- Bryant College
Chris Bunker- Work
Catherine Burger- U. New Mexico
Jon Cabral- Part-time U.N.H.
Mike Card- Undecided
Erin Celikkol- U.N.H. (Thompson)
Stephanie Chasteen- Bard College
John Cirillo- U.N.H. (WSBE)
Matt Cloutier- Undecided
Alex Collins- Rollins College
Andrea Collins- Keene State College
Jennifer Collins- U.N.H.
Elaine Courtemanche- U.N.H.
Brendan Crill- Brown
Jessie Crockett- Work
Christine Davenport- Fairleigh Dickinson
Scott Davis- Babson College
Tristan DeGeorge- Part-time U.N.H.

Emoree Driscoll- U.N.H.
Tricia Dupuis- Work
Cathy Fichtner- Work
John Foss- Coast Guard
Matt Frazer- Skidmore College
Evan Freuder- Wesleyan University
Blake Garrigan- U.N.H.
Bob Gearwar- Work
Melissa Geeslin- Stanford University
Dave Gibson- Newbury College
Eric Giguere- Salve Regina Univ.
Elliot Gilman- Lyndon State College
Colleen Grady- DeVry Institute of Technology
Audrey Graves- U.N.H.
Freedom Grissom- N.H. College/U.N.H.
Tina Grondin- U.N.H.
Kevin Hahn- Part-time U.N.H.
Erik Halldorson- U.N.H.
Josh Hodsdon- U.N.H.
Marnie Hylton- U. New Mexico
Heather James- Clarkson
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FEATURES

Hot movie, Hip music here for the summer

by Mark MacBeth

This summer's big hit in the theaters has been "Backdraft," the first movie about fire fighting in the big city. The movie's plot is set in Chicago about unrelated fires caused by a deadly arsonist.

Engine Company 17 battles massive fires throughout the movie saving the city from almost certain doom. Meanwhile, all the firefighters run around recklessly looking more like the Hell's Angels than a respectable fire department.

Getting over what seemed a bit of unrealism in the characters, I thought "Backdraft's" special effects were incredibly

realistic and convincing. All the scenes within burning buildings were very effective in their display of what actually happens in real fires.

Probably the best point of the movie was the plot which was full of suspense. All the fires, which caused backdrafts (or rapid influxes of air), were linked together to cover a scandal of a candidate running for mayor in Chicago.

All in all, "Backdraft" was an acceptable movie but lacked character depth in the beginning. I would give it three stars and suggest it to any one who didn't have anything to do on a hot summer night.

by Chris Andersen

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The band EMF has hit the American rock scene with its latest hit single "Unbelievable."

EMF has been in the music scene for awhile in England and now has hit American ears with a style of music that has become more popular lately. They combine a rock n'roll song with a funky dance beat and there you have it, a hit is born.

Their song has been getting plenty of air time on the radio and on MTV. MTV is one of the reasons bands like EMF can make it so big by projecting a new image to millions of viewers daily.

I, myself, have a very sweet tooth for good music, and this song is very good. I also dislike dance music very much, but the twist of the rock n'roll and dance music introduces a new, kind of exciting entrance into the music world.

I can see a big change coming to the music industry in the near future of band's playing the kind of music they want instead of the kind other people want them to.

We have seen this happen a few times before in the past with bands like Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, and the Village People.

VIOLINIST SARAH JONES PLANS CAREER IN MUSIC

by Sarah Whitten

Sarah Jones stands in her pink taffeta dress, violin at her side looking out at the audience. She takes a deep breath, raises her violin and begins playing Bach's Partita No. 3 in E minor. Sarah's senior recital marks the culmination of her thirteen years of playing the violin.

She plans to carry her music with her for the rest of her life. "I'd like to play in an orchestra or professional chamber group, or maybe teach children or teenagers."

If you were to listen closely at the Jones' house you might hear the Mendelssohn violin concerto floating from their living room as Sarah begins one of her three hours of daily practice.

Her practice time often has to be arranged around her school schedule, leaving the afternoons for her violin. This is not "prime time" according to Sarah. She prefers vacations, when she can "practice whenever [she] feels like it."

Along with her playing during the week, Sarah travels to Boston every Saturday to play in the New England Conservatory's youth symphony directed by Aaron Kula.

In sixth grade Sarah began playing for the



New Hampshire Youth Orchestra. After ninth grade she decided the N.H. orchestra wasn't going to, "take [her] where she wanted to go." So she auditioned in the tenth grade, and was admitted to the New England Conservatory, playing in the Youth Repertory Orchestra. She moved to play in the Youth Symphony at the Conservatory for eleventh and twelfth grade. She made the move because, "I needed to know competition so I could push myself." By playing in Boston, she would see a wider variety of people and know the talents of others.

she works at it.

Sarah feels her mother has had a definite influence on her music. "Being a musician, she can give me a little more advice than a mother who is a non-musician."

Along with her other musical accomplishments, Sarah participated in the All State Orchestra for ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. She was also selected to be a member of the National Honors Orchestra in eleventh grade which took her to Washington, D.C. to play with students from around the country.

Her final thought



Mr. Twiss conducts spring chorus concert.

OR CHORUS' SPRING CONCERT GIVES WIDE-RANGE OF FORMS

by Skot Long

The final concert of the year for the Oyster River Music Department had a wide array of musical numbers ranging from Bach, to Rodgers and Hammerstein, to the Beatles.

The bulk of the pieces centered around showtunes from such musicals as "My Fair Lady", "The King and

use of rhythm and harmony made it one of the gems of the evening.

"The Winds of The Sixties" was a medley of various rock songs from the sixties put into four-part harmony. In this writer's opinion, this selection was a poor choice for the concert. It is impossible to take the raw



numbers such as the selections from "My Fair Lady" seemed out dated and sexist. This tended to draw you out of the music so that you didn't listen. Others such as the "Les Miserables" medley were excellent and showed great promise in the Oyster River chorus. In this writer's opinion it became difficult to listen to these pieces without a little background information on the numbers.

The only spiritual, "Poor Man Lazarus", was one of the best numbers sung that night. Its

"straight line church style choir" music. A few pieces were highlights of the evening. One was "Caro Mio Bea" sung by Hilary McHone. Her piece showed how much she has matured as a singer during her four years of high school. The concert would have been better if the chorus had taken it seriously and not have been giggling and whispering the whole time. With the singers not taking it seriously it makes it difficult for the audience to appreciate it fully.



Thibault and Macpherson in "Nicolas Nickleby"

vocal instructor and a musician herself. She thinks Sarah can do whatever she wants with her music, as long as

I think the most important thing would be that I want to bring it (music) in its best form to as many lives as possible."

ONE-ACTS PROVIDE EVENING OF COMEDY FOR AUDIENCES

by Gabe Brown

The debuts of the "Ugly Duckling" and "Nicholas Nickleby" were a pleasant surprise. One might expect that since they were the novice plays they might not be as good as the others performed this year, but I think they were as good if not better than the others this year.

Since they were novice plays most people had no previous dramatic experience.

The most enjoyable performances were turned in by Steve Wouriotis, Megan Armitage, and Nicole Bellabona in the "Ugly Duckling,"

and Sebastian Roy and Peter Grant, as the leads in "Nicholas Nickleby."

The costumes and set were well done to fit their medieval and Victorian eras.

The only weak points in the performances were the occasional lack of volume and performers turning their backs to the audience. These are skills that can only come with much experience and many rehearsals. The amount of characterization more than made up for this. The evening was a fun night for all who attended.

BIG BUDDIES PROVIDE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS

by Matt Koener

Around 2:50 p.m. students at the Oyster River Elementary School begin to funnel out the door for recess. For a few of the first and second graders today is the day that their big buddy has come to visit. Their little faces light up the second they lay eyes on their big buddy. As the big buddy walks through the classroom waiting for their little buddy to get ready to go out and play, the little buddy introduces their big buddy to all of their friends. He/She is so proud to show them off.

This is a popular site in the getting together of a big buddy and little buddy. Kristen Bub, a current big buddy and also an only child, commented about why she participates in the program, "I love her. She's like my little sister and I'm her big sister."

Some activities that a big buddy and a little buddy do are as simple as sitting down and talking. There are no requirements, just to have fun. Sports, games, and movies are just a few more examples of the events that take place. There are also times when all the big buddies and little buddies get together for a group activity, such as around Christmas time, when everyone went Christmas caroling.

Ms. Williams, the

director of all of the community services, believes that the program gives the children positive peer models. They are "heroes" in the eyes of the kids and they give them someone to look up to and ask questions.

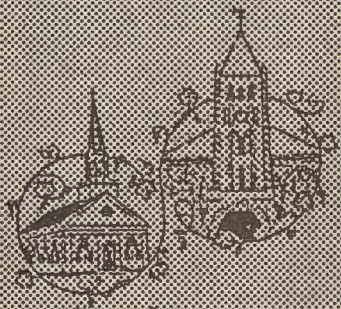
Three years ago some members of OREW came up with the idea to introduce a program of community services to the high school. The Student Council passed a survey around to the High School students offering all of the currently active community services. The Student Council decided that only one program would be offered in the trial year. The results

of the survey favored the Big Buddy Program. Mrs. Whitten became the first coordinator of the program. The first year, "turned out to be very successful," Mrs. Whitten said. As the program entered its second year, the responsibility was shifted from Mrs. Whitten to Mrs. Provencher and three mothers of OREW. Then the program began its third successful year. This time it was in the hands of Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams said she became involved with the program because, "it was a good program." She also saw it as a chance to meet more students. Ms. Williams plans to coordi-

nate the program next year also.

An estimated 80% of the students who signed up for the program are still going to visit their little buddies on a regular basis. Future plans for the program include: Scheduled student officer meetings more group planned events, and tighter monitoring of student's attendance, hopefully keeping the attendance records close to 100%.

Ms. Williams stated, "Not only does the program benefit the kids but it also benefits the big buddies. It's a learning experience for everyone who participates."



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CREATIVE SCHOOL FUNDING: BEER IN SCHOOL

by Michael Moriarty

There are so many "what ifs?" in our world today. "What if" six was nine? "What if" black was white? "What if" the school sold beer? Sure laugh at me now, but it's the greatest idea ever thought up by a teenager. All I ask, is that you just sit back and read with an open mind.

First let's look at this economically. We hear all this talk of budget cuts, and teachers getting fired. All because some adults don't want their taxes

to increase.

"What if" the school sold beer? The profit would be amazing. Kids spend all their money on alcohol anyway, so why not take advantage of them. The school could sell this groovy liquid at dances, plays, the Prom, and Senior Follies. Students might actually start going to school activities, rather than hanging out at Store 24 asking college students to "buy" for them.

Well heck, why not sell it at lunch too. Maybe instead of "Pizza Day!" Kids would yell, "Beer Hour!"

Every one would benefit. The students don't have to worry about where to drink. Or getting "busted" by the cops. The parents won't complain because they will no longer have to pay high taxes,

and that's all they care about anyway. The teachers are all set because they still have their jobs.

Now from the more social part of this commentary. All of the Oyster River students I have ever talked to, have complained to me about the "cliques" at this school. Well I've

seen that people under the influence tend to lose all social inhibitions, causing them to mingle with people of different social values. So if everyone is "sloshed" all the time, no more "cliques." This would result in a better learning environment.

See I told you it was a great idea. "What if" Oyster River sold beer. I'll probably win the Nobel Peace Prize, or something.

Now how could I fix that over population problem. . .



Students feasting at Earth Day - 1991

Sports Awards
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award was given to Seniors Melissa Geeslin and Brendan Crill. Heather James was awarded the "First Team" Award for girls soccer. The Athlete of the Year Award which goes to the student who best combines athletic achievement, school spirit, sportsmanship, and scholastic excellence was awarded to Senior Jen Thompson.

Assemblies cont. from 4 the middle of the assembly and criticizing them right then and there.

We at Oyster River have a serious problem with people not caring about anyone but themselves. You can see it in the classrooms, and in the halls. When we start insulting those outside of the school who are trying to help us we are going to far. So the next time you're at an assembly and you think of a wise crack to yell at the speaker, do us all a favor and keep your mouths shut.



Mrs. Souza

PROJECT GRADUATION TAKES
CLASS OF '91 ON CASCO CRUISE

By: David Schommer
Friday June 14, 1991

their children's safety
on graduation night.

Earth Day p.3

it. Organizers working on earth day have set this as a possible goal for next year.

Student and faculty organizers for earth day were Mrs. Dodge, Ms. Winterbottom, seniors Mark Allen and

Gillian Nye, juniors Skot Long, Brigid Murray and Liz Bucar, sophomores Monica Dufour and Ian Duncan, and ninth grader Craig Allen. Other organizers include Mr. Lord, Mrs. Shaeffer, Miss Smith, and Mrs. Kishbaugh.

"TEAM WON" TAKES
SPRING FLING TITLE

by Matt Koener

This year's Spring Fling "tournament" ended with Wednesday, June 5th overtime final. "Team Won" is this year's #1 team. The final game brought to a close the third successful season.

The final was played between "Dunkin" and "Team Won." In overtime "Team Won," won by two points. With the game tied at 51 and under a minute to play, Junior Ben Adams, of "Dunkin," attempted a 3 pt shot. Ben commented, "I didn't know how much time was left and I was

open." "Team Won" brought the ball back down the court, and Senior Chris Taube scored, what would turn out to be, the game winning two points. "It was a Great game!" says Head Coach Don Maynard.

Spring Fling is set up for anyone who does not play a spring sport. Adams said, "I think it's good. The only problem is the stacking of teams." To sum it up he said, "It's added competition for next year's basketball players. For everyone else, it's just fun!"

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celebrate, Oyster River Educational Workshop is sponsoring Project Graduation.

Project Graduation includes a number of activities held at the Seacoast Y.M.C.A. including dancing, swimming, racquetball, wallyball and more. Activities at the Y.M.C.A. will be followed by a sunrise cruise on Casco Bay. Seniors will board the boat at 4 A.M..

Project Graduation is designed to alleviate the fears parents may have for

who appear to be under the influence will not be allowed to attend activities. The chaperones will be checking baggage for any chemicals which the seniors may attempt to smuggle along for the evening.

Nelson F. Kennedy has been the head of the O.R.E.W. Project Graduation committee, and along with other committee members has been working all year to gather funds and plan the evenings festivities for this years seniors.

Gephart cont. from p.1

of years and I have done that."

Mr. Simmons' plans are a little bit different from Mr. Gephart's.

Mr. Simmons has been teaching at Oyster River High School for thirteen years. He has taught many English courses. "I've taught Freshman English, Journalism, Classic Novel, Writing Work-

shop, and Short Story." Mr. Simmons has also been the Focus teacher for the past six years.

"I'll be teaching grade five next year and possibly grades four and five. It's not clear whether I'll be teaching at Oyster River Elementary or at Moharimet School, but I'll be teaching at one of those schools," Mr. Simmons said.

Both teachers are anxiously awaiting next year.

Plans cont. from p.7

Heidi James- Plymouth State College
Holly James- Work
Mark Jedicke- Part-time U.N.H
Jen Jenkins- U.N.H
Samantha Jones- U.N.H
Part-time
Sarah Jones- Ithaca
Fred Jonsson- Lehigh University
Jeremy Katz- U.N.H
Tina Keegan- U.N.H
Stephanie Kentris- Emerson College
Brian Killgore- U. of Washington
Debbie Kline- Middlebury
Nathan Lapierre- Carnegie Mellon
Noah Lerner- Colby College
Kristen Legere- Champlain College
Jeremy Little- Lyndon State College

Kari Loubier- Concord School Of Nursing
Chris Loughlin- Bridgton Academy
Pam Lowy- U.N.H
Laurie McKenzie- Newbury College
Dave Madson- Carnegie Mellon
Scott Matseas- Plymouth State
Toby Mautz- Boston College
Bill McAnirlin- Year-off
Hillary McHone- New York Univ.
Jenna McNeill- Harvard
Susan Mertens- Florida State

Scott Moody- Undecided

Mike Moriarty- Undecided
Andrew Muggleworth- Hampden-Sydney College
Kevin Myslivy- Jacksonville U.

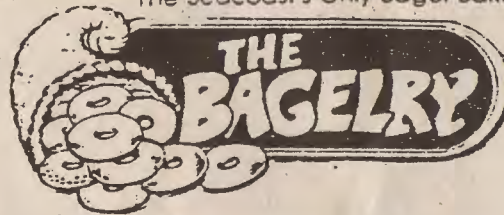
Sam Poole- Becker College

Andrew Pudil- Becker College
Alexander Reyna- U.N.H
Braden Reyna- U.N.H
Greg Rideout- Hobart College
Mark Rimbach- Part-time U.N.H
Jon Roy- Univ. Maine, Orono
Marie Andre Roy- U.N.H
Heidi Shute- working
Eric Singer- Unity College/Navy
Lori Slippy- Liberty College
Tierney Smith- U.N.H

Ralph Nazzaro- U.N.H
Kevin Nobrega- Champlain College
Gillian Nye- Hampshire College
Jen Olech- Wentworth Inst. of Technology
Laurie Paquette- U.N.H
Kurt Pearsall- California/College
Kristin Pelton- Rutgers University
Janice Philbrook- Year-off

Josh Stamper- Hampshire College
Bill Stansfield- Bowdoin College
Chris Taube- Princeton
Cassie Thomas- Univ. Rhode Island
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College
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SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

ORHS GIRLS' TRACK TEAM BEGINS BIG REBUILDING PERIOD FOR 1991-1992

by Steve Wourgiotis

The 1990-91 Girls Track Team spent a year out of the limelight as they recovered from the loss of last year's varsity seniors Janet Moore, Lisa Barney, and Amy Martin. According to senior team member Jen Thompson those three scored most of the team's points last year. The Lady Bobcats had to start over.

According to Head Coach Wayne Scott, this year's team initially boasted 25 athletes - a larger group of runners than any Oyster River girls track team has

had in the last 8 years, but by the end of the season, the number had declined to only 12 or 14.

This year's team had "really good coaching" according to Thompson. Wayne Scott trained the girls in sprints, field events, hurdles, and weights, and assistant coach Carol Gephart trained the distance runners.

This year's girls had their triumphs as Jen Thompson, Stephanie Chasteen, and Mara Kerns all qualified for the Class-I State Meet.

Thompson and Chasteen both run in the 3200 meter run, and Kerns runs in the 300 meter hurdles. Thompson and Chasteen both qualified there for the Meet of Champions - the State Meet. Despite the number of inexperienced "trackies" this year,

they have learned their sport, and Oyster River will be fielding a veteran team. Coach Scott says that the incoming eighth graders are very promising and he believes that they will have a very strong year in 1991-92.



Roberto Acosta and Eric Harter run the 800 at Spaulding High School.

BOYS' TENNIS FINISHES 2ND IN STATE

by Evan Wallman

The Oyster River High School Boys Tennis team has never won a championship, but this year they almost captured their first. They finished their season with a 15-3 record and placed second in the state in Class I tennis action.

Going into the championship games, Oyster River was seeded first and Hanover was seeded third. The top six singles players from each team placed first. "Alex Collins destroyed his opponent," said Senior Sam Poole. "And Nathan Weeks, Evan Freuder, and Bryan Rutland fell to theirs."

"Fred Jonsson and I were the only ones left on the court and we needed to win at least one match to keep Hanover from sweeping us," said Poole. Poole pulled through for the win but Jonsson lost in a close match.

The pressure was high for the Bobcats going into the doubles. They needed to win three straight matches



Bryan Rutland faces his opponent.

BOYS' TRACK- SEASON ENDS WITH CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

by Sebastien Roy

The Oyster River boy's spring track season officially ended with the performance of seven of our "Trackies," Ben Hudson, Roberto Acosta, Scott Poteet, Mike Northrop, Brendan Crill, Kyle Crous, and Russell Warren, at the State Meet on June 1st.

"We were on TV!" said Brendan Crill who commented on the meet. "Nobody qualified for New England's but just getting there was enough," he said. When Brandon Ammann, one of the captains, was asked why he thinks nobody placed for the New England meet he said, "We are a small school and we don't have a track." Oyster River only has about 14 members while

some other schools such as Hanover have up to 30 members.

If you had been watching Channel 9 on June 1st, you would have seen Crill, Crous, Warren, and Acosta winning their heat in the four by four hundred relay. Moments after this glorious race, they were met by a mob of people there to congratulate them.

Ben Hudson did the triple jump, Mike Northrop and Scott Poteet did the 2 mile run, and Roberto Acosta and Brendan Crill ran the 800 meter.

Even though no one from Oyster River went to the New England meet, they are still proud to be the Granite State League Class I champions.

The Oyster River Boys Spring Track team has a record of 28-8, which is the best boys track record since 1982. "It's a good team. People scream their voices out cheering each other on!" Steve Wourgiotis said. He also said that the fact that the team is so close helps the morale of team members.

The success of next year's team will be a challenge due to the graduation of some senior team members such as Brendan Crill, Roberto Acosta, and Steve Wourgiotis, who provided an ample supply of points all through the season, but the incoming freshmen may compensate for this loss.

GIRLS' TENNIS REACHES QUARTER-FINALS

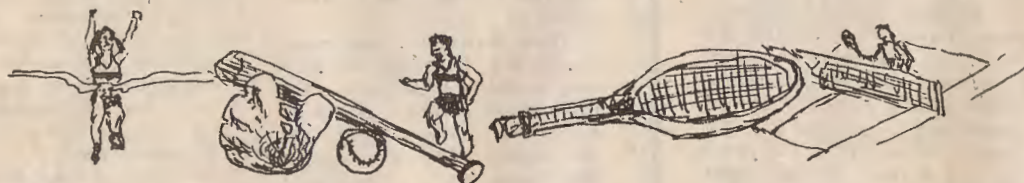
over," said Poole. Collins paired with Poole while Weeks paired with Rutland to finish off their matches in the already lost championship. Hanover became the class I champions with

Freuder commented, "We had a great season, it was disappointing at the end but we should not over-look what we did accomplish."

Poole also said, "We played good tennis the whole year and we im-

proved my backhand and serve and got me ready for college competition."

The tennis team will make another bid for the Class I Championship next spring.



The ORHS Softball Team poses momentarily before launching into a brutal match

O.R.H.S. SOFTBALL RECORD OF 0-16, BUT TEAM HAS HOPE FOR NEXT YEAR

by Brenda Worden

This year's O.R.H.S. varsity softball team ended with a losing record of 0-16. Even with this disappointing record, there were still many positive outcomes of the 1991 season.

Senior captain Elaine Courtemanche explained the different factors contributing to the losses, "It was mainly because of the lack of experience on the team, desire to

win, and mostly mental errors in each game."

The team's last two games were their closest contests, though. In games against Goffstown and Timberlane, the team lost one in overtime and one by the score of 17-13.

Senior co-captain Sue Varholly says, "This season was a good experience for the underclassmen, which could prove to benefit the team in future

years."

"The freshmen have plenty of potential, and if they work on their mental errors, next year's team should be successful," Courtemanche stated.

First year coach, Jackie Plante will not be returning next season, so the team will be forced to adjust to another new coach, not yet announced.

the Oyster River High School girls' tennis team to the quarter-finals of the state tournament.

The team finished off the season with a 12-4 record and a ranking of 5th in the state. Coach Ginger Craig commented "I think we had a strong team this year and I think we will have an even stronger team next year."

The MVP award for

Laurie Paquette, the #2 player, received the Most Dedicated award. Jill Shapiro is the #3 player on the team. Mandy Tappan, Jan Friel, and Meredith Sawyer finish up the top six players on the team.

The six backups are Erica Beck, Monica Dufour, Jan Hamilton, Beth Dell, Michelle Monroe, and Danielle Wesley. Even the backups finished off

Monroe on the team's performance. Laurie Paquette finished off the regular season with a 15-0 record. Her doubles record was also impressive at 13-2. Her doubles partner was Marnie Hylton, but on occasion she played with Jill Shapiro and Meredith Sawyer. When asked how she felt about her record, she said "I played the best I could."

ERROR-PLAGUED O.R. BASEBALL TEAM ELIMINATED IN FIRST PLAYOFF GAME

by Sarah Whitten

With a final record of 3-16 for the 1991 season, the Oyster River High School varsity baseball team squeaked into tournament play only to be eliminated in the first round by number one ranked Goffstown.

Although the Bobcats had beaten Goffstown 6-3 earlier in the season, that incentive was not enough to ward off another defeat.

According to senior Andy Pudil, one of the biggest problems of the season was "timely errors." In fact, 84 errors were committed in 19 games. In the playoff game May 30, vs. Goffstown, the Bobcats had 8 errors. They entered the bottom of the sixth inning tied 4-4. O.R. ten made two errors allowing Goffstown to score two runs and win the game.

Junior Erin McNelly pitched all three games that the Bobcats won. He also pitched the playoff game. "He pitched very well," said coach Jerry Lachance.

Even though their record didn't reflect it, senior Eric Giguere thought the team started, "pulling together" towards the end of the season. "There was more talk," he said.

The team was inconsistent. They gave a top-ranked team like Goffstown a run for their money, yet when



Matt Cloutier ponders the situation at third base

Sanborn, they lost 22-7.

The Bobcats are looking forward to a better season next year. They will lose their number one batter Eric Giguere, but will

strong players like Kevin Haley who led the team in stolen bases and fielding percentage, and Erin McNelly who led the pitching staff.